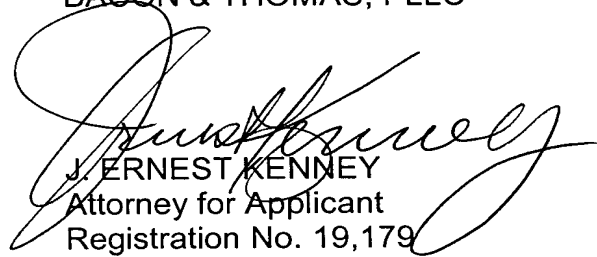


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REMARKS

All rights are reserved to the original claimed subject matter. The claims have been amended to reduce the filing fees and to better conform to U.S. claim format. Examination of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX OF MARKED-UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

1(Amended). A portable data carrier (1) [with] comprising:

a break-out mini smart card (2), the mini smart card (2) being largely separated from the remaining card body by a free punch (3) extending over substantial parts of the mini smart card[, characterized in that] and

a rated breaking line (5) [is] disposed within the mini smart card (2) [for further reducing] configured, located and dimensioned so as to enable the size of the mini smart card (2) to be further reduced; [.]

the break-out direction given by the rated breaking line (2) for the mini smart card out of the portable data carrier being different from the break-out direction for the miniaturized mini smart card.

2(Amended). A portable data carrier according to claim 1, [characterized in that the] including bars (6) interrupting the free punch line (3) [are] disposed in the edge areas of the mini smart card (2) at the same level.

3(Amended). A portable data carrier according to claim 1 or 2, [characterized in that] wherein the bars (9) within the mini smart card have higher strength than the bars (6) connecting the mini smart card with the remaining card body.

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APPENDIX OF CLAIMS

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a rated breaking line (5) disposed within the mini smart card (2) configured, located and dimensioned so as to enable the size of the mini smart card (2) to be further reduced;

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3(Amended). A portable data carrier according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the bars (9) within the mini smart card have higher strength than the bars (6) connecting the mini smart card with the remaining card body.